

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
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**DISTRICT 1**

CO Brian Lasanen contacted three anglers fishing near Ontonagon. None of the anglers had a valid fishing license and enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Miller watched a group of anglers fishing on Huron Bay and observed one of the subjects fishing with more than three lines. The CO contacted the subject and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Eberly contacted two subjects on the water in Houghton County. The subjects did not have personal flotation devices (PFDs) and were fishing without fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman watched two anglers fishing on a closed trout stream. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman contacted two subjects in possession of fishing poles and fishing gear on a closed trout stream. The subjects stated that they were not fishing. They stated they were just testing out their new back packs to see how their fishing gear would fit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Grant Emery responded to the complaint of a dead horse being dumped in a river. He was able to locate the dead horse in the river, and began to investigate who may have dumped it. A suspect was soon developed and interviewed. The suspect admitted to dumping the horse that had died in November. He had previously observed deer that had died end up in the river so he thought he could dump the Horse there as well. CO Emery explained the difference between nature's actions and littering. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol near the Menominee River CO Brett DeLonge observed a large wooded area along the river covered with trash. After investigating the area, CO DeLonge was able to find information for a possible suspect through documents left in the litter pile. After multiple interviews and residence visits CO DeLonge found the suspect who dumped the trash. The suspect was surprised that CO DeLonge tracked him down and returned his crumpled documents. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter worked an ORV patrol in Iron County to target activity along the trail system. With the recent melting of the snow pack, numerous ORV operators were contacted taking advantage of the spring weather. Good compliance was found for the required ORV permits.

COs Marvin Gerlach, Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked the spring walleye activity along the Menominee River. Patrols were conducted in conjunction with the Wisconsin Wardens to address walleye snagging and the taking of over limits of fish.

## **DISTRICT 2**

While on routine patrol, CO Robert Freeborn observed two ORVs traveling in front of him on a county road. The CO determined that the ORVs had two occupants on each machine, no helmets and no ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn conducted follow-up investigations on ice shacks that were left out after all shacks were supposed to be removed from the ice. Most of the shacks were safely removed; however the COs encountered an individual whom they had previously ticketed for burning down his shack. Even though he burned his shack, the base was still frozen in the ice and there was litter scattered across the lake. The officers documented that the base of the shack and a large amount of debris had not been dealt with. The officers took enforcement action, and will continue to follow up.

CO Jared Ferguson responded to a complaint of an open fire. CO Ferguson made contact with the responsible party and informed them of the dangers of burning in the spring and the potential for fires to escape.

CO Jared Ferguson investigated a complaint of deer carcasses on the frozen portion of a river. CO Ferguson checked the area and determined the deer was a road kill and was providing food to nearby eagles.

Acting Sgt. John Wenzel and CO Robert Crisp assisted at the DNR Recruit School academy with instruction on emergency vehicle operations, precision driving and vehicle pursuit training.

A call was put out by Central Dispatch for units to respond to a car in the ditch in Luce County with an unconscious driver behind the wheel. CO Kevin Postma was working in Chippewa County and responded, as he was the closest car. CO Postma arrived on scene and made contact with the driver who was still asleep. It was determined that the driver had driven in to the ditch after a heavy night of drinking, at which time he decided to sleep it off. Sobriety and breath tests were given and it was found that the driver was twice the legal limit at 11:00 in the morning. The driver was arrested and lodged for operating while intoxicated.

While checking anglers at a local bluegill hotspot, CO Mike Hammill witnessed a vehicle drive past him onto the frozen surface of the lake. CO Hammill recognized the operator of the vehicle and knew he hasn't had a valid driver's license in years as he is denied and revoked for an extended period. A short time later CO Hammill made contacted the driver, who claimed that the CO must have been mistaken and that the passenger of the vehicle was actually driving. A quick interview with the passenger confirmed what CO

Hammill had witnessed. The subject was arrested and brought to the Mackinac County Jail for driving on a suspended license.

COs Mike Hammill and Rob Freeborn worked a local Schoolcraft County hotspot for panfish. CO Hammill observed several anglers having good success on bluegills throughout the day. One particular angler decided to start fishing for Northern Pike even though the season closed the end of March. Upon contacting the angler, he quickly turned and pointed to a Northern Pike in a makeshift live well and stated, "I'm not going to keep that". CO Freeborn ran a check for prior violations which revealed that the individual was ticketed for the exact same violation several years prior, and had received two other DNR violations since this past fall. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint stating there was an extreme over-feeding situation of deer on Drummond Island. CO Panich's investigation revealed the excessive feeding was causing an unnatural shift in the island's wildlife. Enforcement action is being taken for the excessive deer feeding.

CO Jon Busken was contacted by an angler who asked if he could leave his ice shanty on Lake Huron off Cedarville past the March 31 removal deadline. The officer explained that even though ice conditions may still seem adequate today, ice can quickly deteriorate this time of year thus the shanty must be removed after each day of fishing. The angler appreciated the call and understood the reason for the rule.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling Mackinac County when Central Dispatch requested units respond to a home where a subject suffering from dementia had wandered away. The CO and a local deputy responded to the residence. A family member found the patient while the officers were en route. A description of the patient was taken in case she wanders off again.

CO Bobby Watson was on patrol when he discovered a substantial amount of garbage bag that had been spread throughout the immediate area. The investigation uncovered some suspect information that led to an interview and ultimately a confession for dumping the litter. Enforcement action was taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

COs Andrea Erratt and Matt Theunick responded to and investigated several wildfires. Tickets and warnings were issued for various violations including burning while burning was not allowed, failing to take precautions to prevent the spread of fire and unattended fires.

CO Duane Budreau and Sgt. Greg Drogowski double teamed a trash dumper. Sgt. Drogowski found a pile of dirty diapers and other household trash on state forest land, and a letter with a signature on it in the trash. The name led to the suspect, whom CO Budreau located and eventually received an admission from. A littering ticket was issued, with clean-up of the trash included.

CO Steve Speigl and Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to wildfires in Antrim County that burned several acres. All of the fires resulted from negligence and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski received information a subject with a DNR warrant had returned to Michigan from Kentucky. CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Drogowski located the subject at a remote cabin and arrested him on the warrant.

CO Carl VanderWall gave presentations to several groups of high school students at a local career day event. Carl was told the CO presentation was the most highly attended career field, of all the various careers.

COs Brad Bellville and Mark Depew contacted a subject operating a motor vehicle. The subject was unable to provide officers with a driver's license as his driving privileges have been suspended eight times. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Bellville and Bobbi Lively observed an ORV operating on the roadway and also having an expired ORV license. They later learned that the operator's driver's license had been suspended. The subject was arrested for operating his ORV with a suspended license, and given a warning for the expired ORV license.

CO Tim Rosachacki was patrolling in Alpena County when he came upon a grass fire. The fire was ignited by a subject who was burning garbage nearby. CO Rosachacki advised the subject that burning during the early spring when everything is still dead from winter is a bad idea. CO Rosachacki also advised the subject of his responsibilities when he does have a fire. Enforcement action was taking for allow a fire to escape.

CO Paul Fox was checking anglers along the Ocqueoc River when he came across a woman fishing with her son. Neither the mother nor the son had caught any fish. CO Fox advised that their fishing gear would most likely not yield any fish. CO Fox re-rigged their fishing equipment to something more appropriate and gave them tips on river fishing.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling state land for illegal ORV activity when he came across a Pickup truck on the roadway. There were multiple children riding in the bed of the truck. Upon investigating the vehicle, CO Fox located an uncased rifle inside. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he observed an ORV on the roadway. Upon contacting the rider, it was determined that the subject's driver's license was revoked. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he observed an ORV travelling a high rate of speed down a county road. Upon stopping the ORV, it was determined that the owner failed to purchase an ORV license. A ticket was issued for failing to license an ORV.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he observed a grass field that had just been burned. The local fire department responded to the scene. The landowner stated he was burning brush when the wind caught the flames and burned a large grass field and neighboring property. The subject was advised that no burning permits were being issued and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling through Thompson Harbor State Park looking for ORV activity when he observed two ORVs in the area. CO Sklba was able to contact the two machines who were illegally operating inside the state park. CO Sklba advised the operators that the park is closed to ORV use and is posted quite well as such. One of the operators did admit to seeing a sign that said closed to ORV use, but they had passed that sign so they thought they were OK. CO Sklba advised the pair that it is also illegal to operate an ORV without a helmet or eye protection, and that their machines require an ORV license once they leave their property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted a subject fishing on the Ocqueoc River near the weir. The subject was maybe 20 feet from the weir and five feet from a sign that says "No fishing Within 100 Feet of the Weir". Enforcement action was taken.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Sean Kehoe was patrolling for illegal ORV activity when he observed two people operating a truck and a jeep off road in a closed area on state land. CO Kehoe noticed the vehicles were not licensed through the Secretary of State, but had an ORV license. CO Kehoe advised the operators that the vehicles needed to be registered and have insurance. Both operators were ticketed for operating a vehicle in a closed area on state land.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, Lake County, observed two ORVs operating down a dead end road at dusk and that one of the operators was not wearing a helmet. CO Killingbeck stopped the operators and discovered that the lead ORV was last licensed back in 2010. The operator without a helmet stated that he was teaching his daughter to ride an ORV and could not wear a helmet because he needed to "hear how she was shifting". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped three dirt bikes in Lake County for operating on a utility right of way and found that one operator was operating without an ORV permit. When CO Killingbeck file checked the operators in LEIN he discovered that one had an open warrant for his arrest. CO Killingbeck took enforcement action for the illegal operation and arrested the subject on the warrant.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped a dirt bike for operating carelessly on a county road in Lake County. Upon stopping the operator, CO Killingbeck discovered that he had issued a ticket to the same individual the week prior for operating an ORV in a closed area. While CO Killingbeck was issuing a ticket for the careless operation, three of the operator's friends came over the hill operating in the center of the road at a high rate of

speed towards them. They were also stopped and it was discovered that two dirt bikes had no ORV permits and one individual was operating on a suspended license. Additional tickets were issued and the suspended operator was arrested and taken to the Lake County Jail.

While on foot patrol along the Pere Marquette River, CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a fishing guide directing his clients to fish on lands that were clearly marked with "No Trespassing" signs. The guide then proceeded to walk the property himself. CO Killingbeck contacted the fishing guide who openly admitting to trespassing and stated that he knew he wasn't supposed to be where he was. The recreational trespass was enforced.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling the Pere Marquette River when he observed two kayakers approach private property where numerous complaints of trespassing have been received. Both kayakers stopped in front of a "No Trespassing" sign and proceeded to unload all of their gear onto shore directly underneath the eye level sign to fish. Both anglers were contacted and enforcement action taken.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and Steve Converse were patrolling Lake County when they observed numerous dirt bikes ahead of them that appeared to be operating at a high rate of speed. The COs followed them and eventually caught up to the operators who were in a closed area tearing up State Land and creating erosive conditions. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski went to a location on Hamlin Lake to check for fishing activity and observed a boat with three individuals fishing in a canal. The COs walked toward the boat and when the occupants realized they were law enforcement, they started their motor in an attempt to flee. COs were able to cut them off prior to them entering the main portion of the lake. Investigation revealed that the boat was not registered and that all three anglers were unlicensed and in possession of 18 bluegill. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking shore anglers in Mason County when they encountered two individuals standing by two fishing poles that were in the water. When they asked them for fishing licenses, only one subject admitted to fishing and claimed both lines. CO Publiski spoke to the individual who claimed he wasn't fishing and he advised that the other angler had caught a bass. Simultaneously, CO Brosky spoke with the licensed angler who stated that he hadn't caught any fish and said he was only fishing for Brown Trout. When the COs compared their conversations, they realized that there was potentially an illegal bass taken and decidedly questioned both subjects a second time. They eventually discovered the out of season bass in a truck tool box and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers along the Pere Marquette River in a slow, no-wake section, COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky heard a loud engine from a boat that was undoubtedly on plane. As the COs tried to pinpoint which direction the sound was coming from, both

were receiving telephone calls from guides along the river that were complaining about the boat in violation of the slow, no-wake ordinance. With the help of the guides, COs were able to view the boat as its wake nearly washed several sucker anglers from the stream banks. COs eventually caught up to the operator, and enforcement action was taken.

Working a section of the Pere Marquette River, COs Kyle Publiski and Josiah Killingbeck stopped a guide boat with an expired Inland Pilot license displayed. Although the guide's license was up to date, the two clients fishing with him did not have any valid 2015 fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County was working a remote area one evening when he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed with numerous other equipment violations noted. CO Ginn attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle but due to the high speeds the suspect vehicle was unable to make a sharp turn due to the sandy two-track conditions. The vehicle ran off the roadway then backed up toward the CO vehicle and continued a short distance before the driver decided to stop the vehicle. CO Ginn determined the vehicle was unregistered and uninsured. The driver was also driving unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Ginn and Brian Lebel were patrolling the Muskegon River when they made contact with one vessel. Upon checking the anglers they discovered they were in possession of a walleye during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was working the Muskegon River for an unlicensed charter boat. CO Ginn made contact with the clients while the captain was loading his boat. CO Ginn determined the subjects were paying customers and the captain was an unlicensed charter who was also lacking a state land use permit and insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was dispatched to assist Newfield Township Fire Department with a grass fire in Oceana County. Investigation at the scene revealed the subject had left his burn barrel unattended on the windy day causing the fire to escape, burning the subject's yard. The neighbor's yard was also burned by the escaped fire. The subject was ticketed for allowing a fire to escape control.

Sgt. Mike Bomay was contacted at 2:00 a.m. by MECEOLA Central Dispatch in regard to a business burning a large pile of tires and other illegal items. Sgt. Bomay contacted Lt. Wingate with the DNR Environmental Investigation Unit and the investigation is in progress for illegal disposal of solid waste and landfill violations.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County was working a complaint of illegal ORV use on private and public lands when he came across an operator with no ORV licenses, operating in a closed area while not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren of Oceana County received a complaint of a trap with an otter in it. CO VanGelderren located the trap and noticed no tag on it. CO VanGelderren located several other traps in the area with no tags on them. The traps were also exposed above the water line. CO VanGelderren was able to ascertain who owned the traps. He made contact with the trapper and took enforcement action.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint regarding several ORVs “tearing up” a gravel road in Gladwin County. As CO Papineau approached the area, he observed several ORVs performing donuts and wheelies in the roadway. The illegal activity had also created large ruts in the road. Contact was made, and the CO identified the subjects and learned that a warning was given weeks prior for the same activity. The subjects were ticketed for careless operation.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation in which he located a photograph of a local Gladwin County subject posing with seven point buck in October 2014. Research into license purchase records indicated that the subject was unlicensed at the time of taking the deer. A license was subsequently purchased after the fact. During an interview with the suspect, CO Papineau learned that the deer was actually shot by a second individual, who was also unlicensed at the time. Warrants are being sought by the prosecutor’s office for multiple charges for hunting without licenses and an illegally taken deer.

CO Jason McCullough was able to catch up with two suspects who had been dumping garbage on state land. In the first case, two subjects went out and dumped an old porcelain toilet on state land. Unfortunately for them, they also left a receipt which led back to the duo. Both suspects put the blame squarely on the other. CO McCullough was able to quell the disagreement when he issued tickets to both subjects for littering on state land. In the second case, the litter suspect dumped household refuse which also contained his most recent receipt for his monthly car payment. In this case, one payment ultimately led to another as CO McCullough issued him a ticket for littering on state land.

While on patrol in Ogemaw County, CO Brian Olsen observed a pickup truck with large mud tires leaving a state land area known for ORV problems. The vehicle pulled onto a county roadway and CO Olsen noticed the occupants weren’t wearing their seatbelts. After initiating a traffic stop, it was determined that the driver had a suspended license, the vehicle registration was expired, and there was no proof of insurance. The male subject was lodged in the Ogemaw County Jail for the violations.

While following up on an ORV complaint, CO Brian Olsen observed a dirt bike operator without a helmet riding down the roadway toward him. When the operator noticed CO Olsen activate his emergency lights, he turned around and fled the area. CO Olsen tracked the rider several miles and searched the area, along with CO Kyle Bader, for a possible suspect. After about an hour, CO Olsen noticed a male subject, who was not

wearing a shirt, running behind a residence. He made contact with the older homeowners and eventually determined that their grandson was "hiding out" at the residence. CO Olsen received a confession from the younger male that he was the rider who had fled from him earlier. The young man also admitted that he had burned his clothes, shaved his head along with all his facial hair in an attempt to disguise his identity. He agreed to take the COs to the area where the dirt bike had been hidden and more ORV violations were found. The subject was lodged in the Ogemaw County Jail for felony fleeing and eluding officers.

CO Kyle Bader checked an angler who was fishing without a license. The man admitted that he knew his fishing license was expired and had not purchased a new one, but said he didn't have time. Further investigation showed that the same subject had been ticketed numerous times for other fishing violations. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Bader and Brian Olsen received information about a large gathering on state land that was planned over the weekend. When the officers arrived on scene, there were well over 100 cars parked in an open field. There was also a large bonfire at one end of the field. As the party dispersed, people scattered into the swamp and a few got their cars stuck in the mud. The fire department was called to put out the bonfire which was in an area surrounded by Jack Pine. The COs arrived back the next day and found subjects wandering around in the swamp looking for lost shoes and cell phones.

COs Jon Warner and Brian Olsen contacted an angler fishing in the closed area of a fishing weir on the East Branch of the Au Gres River. The subject admitted to the violation and had one large steelhead in his possession, which was released. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Warner responded to a large grass fire that burned approximately 35 acres in Iosco County. The fire started when a subject who was illegally burning construction materials allowed the fire to escape and didn't have a hose or water to help put it out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn assisted local deputies and the Michigan State Police (MSP) in response to a felonious assault complaint involving 15-20 people with weapons fighting in a trailer park. CO Hearn assisted in the search for suspects who fled prior to police arrival. CO Hearn conducted felony stop with MSP on the suspect vehicle and assisted with interviews of witnesses.

CO Mike Hearn responded to the scene of a wildfire in Kalkaska County. During the investigation, the property owner arrived on scene and was interviewed. It was determined that he had been burning yard debris earlier in the day and left the fire unattended while it was smoldering. Winds increased and the fire ignited the adjacent grass, burning six acres, which included a camper trailer. Because of the fire danger, no burn permits were being issued that day. Charges are pending regarding the burning violation.

CO Mike Hearn assisted Kalkaska County Sheriff's Deputies with a missing person complaint. Deputies earlier in the day had taken a complaint of a missing juvenile who had run away from home on foot. The CO assisted in checking the adjacent woods for the missing person. Three hours after the original complaint was received, CO Hearn observed the missing person walking along US-131, approximately five miles from his home. The juvenile was turned over to the deputies and returned to the parents.

CO John Huspen received a complaint of illegal ORV activity in Johnson Pit just north of the Roscommon/Crawford line. The complaint stated that there were quads and trucks climbing the hills in the pit which is state land and closed to ORV activity. The CO patrolled the pit and located several groups of ORVs operating illegally in the pit. Education and enforcement actions were taken.

## **DISTRICT 6**

COs Dan Lee and Quincy Gowenlock were patrolling the Flint River when they observed two anglers fishing from a boat. The COs noticed that the boat was missing its MC numbers. Upon contact, the COs also noticed that the two had no life jackets on board. While talking with the pair, they admitted to fishing with lures in a closed area, not having fishing licenses, not having any life jackets and operating an unregistered vessel. Both subjects were issued tickets and given a number of verbal warnings.

While patrolling the Saginaw County river systems, COs Will Brickel and Dan Lee made several contacts with anglers. While rounding a bend in the river, an angler was seen snapping his line off and running up the river bank when he noticed the CO's patrol boat. Contact was made with the individual and a hidden fishing pole was located behind a wood pile, along with a tackle box of artificial lures (not allowed to be used during the closed walleye season). The COs also noticed that several 22 ounce beer cans had been tossed in the bushes where the angler was fishing. Without a lot of investigation, the angler began confessing that he had been targeting walleye for the past three days during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Midland County, CO Will Brickel observed several ORV tracks going in and out of closed trails in the area. The CO patrolled the trails on his ORV and followed the fresh tracks. The CO finally came across the suspects who had been operating illegally on the closed trails. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg walked a stretch of the Tittabawassee River that had a spawning closure. No fishing is allowed along that portion of the river in Midland. The CO located three individuals at dark fishing a remote section of the river. One individual was fishing and he advised he wasn't fishing for walleye, and that he was fishing for pike. The CO advised him pike season was also closed, as well as the section of river where he was fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Huron County, CO Seth Rhodea observed the operator of a vehicle traveling in front of him drive his vehicle into the opposite lane, forcing a second vehicle

to come to a complete stop. The driver in the wrong lane then sat in the road for several moments preventing the other vehicle from driving down the road. CO Rhodea made a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered the vehicle had not been registered in almost six months. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was following up on a complaint that a person had an untagged deer hanging in their garage from deer season. When CO Wright arrived at the residence, the deer was gone but further questioning of the suspect revealed that they had shot a deer during muzzleloader season. CO Wright checked the suspect through his computer and found that he was a convicted felon. Further questioning revealed that the suspect still had the muzzleloader in his possession. Warrants are being sought for felon in possession of a firearm.

## **DISTRICT 7**

COs Jeff Robinette and Brad Brewer patrolled the St. Joseph River system for fishing activity and observed a subject catch and keep a walleye during the closed season. The subject was ticketed for the violation. In addition, a subject that had a felony and a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest was contacted and arrested on the warrants.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a RAP complaint of a subject catching and keeping a bass on the Lake Michigan pier in St. Joseph. The complainant stated that he had told the subject that the season on bass was closed and that he needed to release the fish, but the subject kept it anyway. CO Bauer made contact with the suspect and two other anglers who were with the suspect and located a smallmouth bass that had been retained. In addition, the two anglers who were with the suspect did not have fishing licenses. The subject with the bass was ticketed for keeping the bass during the closed season and the two other subjects were ticketed for fishing without licenses.

CO Jeff Robinette observed an ORV being operated on a public roadway with an adult driving and a small child riding behind the driver, even though the ORV was designed for one person. In addition, neither subject was wearing helmets. CO Robinette issued the driver a ticket for operating on the roadway and warnings for riding double and failing to wear helmets.

While working closed streams CO Steve Mooney pulled into the park in Bangor and saw an angler fighting a fish in the closed section of stream along the Black River. He watched the subject land a large male steelhead and bring it up onto the bank. Contact was made and the subject claimed he hooked the fish on the open side and fought it into the closure. CO Mooney located another rod deployed by the subject on the closed side approximately 50 yards from the bridge. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes encountered a subject fishing without a license in the City of Kalamazoo. The subject did not possess any identification and provided CO Holmes with numerous incorrect names. CO Holmes arrested the subject for fishing without a license and continued to investigate the subject's true identity. The subject was

identified and it was discovered that he was wanted by the US Marshal's Service out of Tennessee for a weapons offense. The subject was lodged and is facing extradition hearings.

COs Michael Mshar, Charles Towns, Gerard Goulette and Ryan Rademacher taught an online hunter safety field day for new hunters at the Hopkins Township Library. This is the third class that the officers have held at this location. It has been a great success and provided many students of all ages the opportunity to complete the required hunter safety program. More classes are being planned by the group.

CO Michael Mshar was patrolling seasonal roads in the Allegan State Game Area (SGA) in reference to illegal off road activity involving motor vehicles that were operating in prohibited areas. During this patrol CO Mshar encountered a subject operating recklessly on the county road. A traffic stop was conducted and it was determined that the subject was intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were administered and the subject was subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated. The subject was lodged at the county jail.

CO Michael Mshar was leaving the Plainwell District office when he witnessed two dirt bikes traveling on a Consumers Energy utility line access. A traffic stop was conducted on the motorcycles. One of the subjects stated that he had been riding his dirt bike on the power line for the past nine years and did not see it as a problem. The second subject stated he would call Consumers and they would give him permission. CO Mshar explained to both subjects that they were trespassing and that Consumers did not allow any operation of ORVs on their utility power lines. Enforcement action was taken and the subjects were removed from the property.

CO Michael Mshar was on patrol in Allegan County when he encountered an ORV being operated down the middle of a paved county road. CO Mshar also observed there was a passenger on the back of the ORV and neither subject was wearing a helmet. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver of the ORV stated he was using it for farm purposes and that he was not breaking any laws. He further indicated that he had just come from his parents' home where he had added wood to their wood burning stove. CO Mshar advised him that he could not ride down the middle of the road or ride double and most importantly they needed to have helmets on when off private property. Enforcement action was taken and the subjects were released.

## **DISTRICT 8**

While CO Rich Nickols was on patrol, the Clinton County Central Dispatch put out a BOL for a vehicle where the driver was suspected of drinking, on probation, and suspended. No county units were available and CO Nickols was close by and was able to locate the vehicle on the back roads. CO Nickols conducted a traffic stop and found the driver operating on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols followed up on a complaint of a subject shooting a deer last October before purchasing a license. CO Nickols interviewed the subject and obtained a confession.

CO Chris Reynolds made contact with a subject who still had two antlerless deer hanging in a pole barn with only one being tagged. The subject stated that he thought he had purchased two antlerless tags for the year. Once the subject was presented with his license purchase history showing that he had only purchased one tag, he stated the license agent must have screwed up when he purchased his licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds made contact with a subject from an earlier littering investigation. The subject, when presented with the documents pulled from the litter site, said he had no clue how the documents could have been dumped. Ironically, the subject had recently moved from just a short distance down the road and the litter was dumped at a location between his prior and present residences. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page inspected a local taxidermist and followed up on a suspected illegally taken deer. Initially it was thought that the deer was killed by a subject who had not purchased a license. Upon further investigation it was found that another subject who lived across town had the same name and legally shot the buck in question. The taxidermist was warned and explained on the proper documentation procedures.

## **DISTRICT 9**

Checking shore anglers, CO Dan Walzak drove past a local fishing hole and observed two subjects fishing. CO Walzak turned around and made contact with the first subject and two additional subjects came walking out, one of them being the second angler he had observed. When asked for his license the subject claimed that he was not fishing and was very steadfast about how he was just there with his friend but admitted to holding a broken section of a fishing rod. The subject went further to claim that CO Walzak must have seen him holding the broken rod. CO Walzak instructed the subject to remain where he was, and advised him that he was going to take a short walk. CO Walzak returned with a rod and reel with line and a baited hook and stated that the walk was very productive because he had found a fishing rod that someone had lost. As CO Walzak walked by, the subject said "Uh, Sir, that fishing pole is mine". When CO Walzak asked "How's that?" the subject answered "I'm not going to lie to you, I was really fishing". Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on the Detroit River, a vessel with two inch numbers and even smaller letters caught the attention of COs Daniel Prince and Dan Walzak. When the occupants of the vessel were contacted and during the marine check, it was found that the owner's safety equipment was clearly not readily accessible and he was lacking one PFD for the number of people on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler responded to an Oakland County complaint of possible overlimits of fish being taken in Waterford. While the suspects were never located, CO Drexler observed a different vessel displaying an expired registration. When contact was made with the occupants, CO Drexler learned that the vessel had no life jackets on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler was at an Oakland County boat launch when he observed a vessel coming into the launch at a high rate of speed. After the vessel came to the docks, CO Drexler observed two young children exit the boat; neither was wearing a life jacket. When contacting the father of the child who was operating the vessel, CO Drexler learned that the youngest child was five years old. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler, Dan Walzak and Daniel Prince worked a marine patrol on the Detroit River when the COs all detected the distinct odor of marijuana. After surveillance of the surrounding vessels, the COs observed a vessel where one occupant brought what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette to his mouth, and pass it to another occupant. Contact was made with the vessel and the COs confirmed the occupants were in possession of marijuana. The COs also found several registration and marine safety violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler was checking vessels in Detroit when he contacted one vessel operator who was missing a few safety items. The operator could not provide a Type IV PFD or a fire extinguisher and the operator was fishing without a license. A ticket was issued for a safety violation and verbal warnings were given for the other violations.

CO David Schaumburger patrolled the Huron River near Rockwood late one night and made contact with two occupants who had just exited their car when they saw the patrol vehicle. CO Schaumburger talked with the occupants who came down to the park to "walk around." While talking with one of the occupants CO Schaumburger detected the odor of marijuana and asked the occupant if he was in possession of any illegal drugs. The occupant disclosed that he had marijuana on him and that he also had warrants out for his arrest. CO Schaumburger searched the occupant and found a small joint. The occupants were asked to sit back in their car, where CO Schaumburger observed an open bottle of liquor in the backseat. When CO Schaumburger asked the occupants if they were really coming out to walk around, the occupants were honest and replied that they "came out to smoke a joint and drink alcohol." Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger patrolled the Pointe Mouillee SGA for late night illegal ORV activity. A suspicious vehicle slowly drove around the property until CO Schaumburger initiated a traffic stop for failing to signal a turn. When CO Schaumburger made contact with the driver he immediately smelled marijuana through the window. CO Schaumburger asked the driver how much marijuana was in the vehicle and the driver withdrew a marijuana grinder from her pocket. On top of the marijuana and failing to signal a turn, the driver also had improper plates on the vehicle and also no proof of insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was driving through the Proud Lake State Recreation Area when he came upon a vehicle and two passengers sitting in the dark. After a short time of observing the vehicle, the passenger in the vehicle opened the door and threw a handful of cups and bottles on the ground. The vehicle then proceeded to exit the park, but not before CO Schaumburger initiated a traffic stop. CO Schaumburger asked the occupants why they thought they had been pulled over, to which they were puzzled and unable to produce a response. CO Schaumburger explained he had been watching them for some time, and observed them dump the litter in the parking lot. Enforcement action was taken and the occupants cleaned up their mess.

CO David Schaumburger was traveling between boat launches while working the Detroit River when a vehicle swerved into his lane and almost hit him. CO Schaumburger initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, the driver stated that he, "dropped his beer on the floor," which caused him to swerve. The driver also stated he had already consumed six to eight beers, but was not exactly sure. CO Schaumburger conducted field sobriety tests which the driver failed. CO Schaumburger placed the driver under arrest for OWI. A Data Master breath test was given and the driver registered .24.

While patrolling an area of the Huron River that is closed to fishing, CO Jason Becker noticed a small boat with lights moving through the stretch of river. CO Becker watched the subjects bow fishing. CO Becker made contact with the two subjects and informed them about fishing regulations. Neither subject had a valid fishing license or any PFDs in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon reports that shoreline angling is beginning to pick up on the Detroit River and walleye are starting to be caught. CO Rabon issued numerous tickets to anglers fishing without a current fishing license.

CO Justin Ulberg stopped by a local Washtenaw County boat launch to check for fishing activity. As he pulled into the launch he saw a person pulling a boat look over at him and then hurriedly start to leave. CO Ulberg approached the angler and asked how the fishing was. The subject responded that he had caught his limit of panfish. A check of the live well revealed that the subject had kept well over his limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Justin Ulberg and Mike Drexler responded to a complaint of a dead Bald Eagle in Washtenaw County. The caller advised that he was riding his horse when he observed an eagle lying dead in a swamp area. The COs located the deceased eagle and sent the carcass to DNR Wildlife Division lab to be checked for a cause of death. Laboratory technicians determined that the eagle had been shot with a firearm.

CO Mark Ennett continued to check Pointe Mouillee SGA for ongoing reports of ORV and regular vehicle use tearing up Roberts Road. Wet weather mid-week seemed like perfect conditions for the constant misuse. CO Ennett located a pickup truck facing the wrong way, stuck in the mud and abandoned. Pictures were taken of the vehicle and

the damage to the shoulders of the road. As a tow truck was being called, the owner returned and admitted he was purposely driving onto the shoulders of the road so he could go through the mud puddles. Enforcement action was taken and the photos sent to the prosecutor's office in an effort to seek additions to the fines to pay for gravel and road repairs.

Acting Lt. Arthur Green and Sgt. Todd Szyska attended the NRC meeting in Lansing, at the Beaumont Disease Laboratory on the campus of MSU this past week in support of CO Ken Kovach receiving this year's Shikar Safari Officer of the Year Award.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint in St. Clair County of a fox caught in a trap. When the CO arrived on scene, the fox was located dead in a foot-hold trap. According to the complainant, the fox had been there for at least three days and there was fresh fish bait near the trap. CO Kiel found a tag on the trap that led to the owner. When asked for an excuse, the trapper stated that he had forgotten about it. The CO reminded the trapper about the fresh fish bait and the March 1<sup>st</sup> close of the season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel was called to investigate an oil slick on the water near a dredging barge and tug at Lake St. Clair Metropark. CO Kiel contacted the owner of the barge and tug to start immediate clean-up efforts, took pictures, and held down the scene until the U.S. Coast Guard arrived on scene with their spill containment unit.

CO Kris Kiel pulled into a restaurant parking lot on Lake St. Clair where he had received a tip of anglers catching limits of yellow perch the day before. Perfect timing allowed the CO to observe two anglers walking off the ice. One of the anglers dropped his bucket behind the seawall and walked up to his vehicle hoping that the CO had not seen his movement. CO Kiel made small talk with him and asked to see his bucket that he had hidden. The subject stated that he had his limit and that he had counted. CO Kiel counted for himself and found the subject to be eleven yellow perch over his limit. The angler's excuse was he was making up for the times that he did not get his limit. The other angler had 52 yellow perch, all of which were so small they all fit into a half-gallon ice cream bucket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel was asked to investigate a complaint of trespass, ORV trespass, and illegal snares on Consumer's Energy property in Macomb County. CO Kiel was met by the property manager and a corporate security officer. Together, the three walked approximately five miles through the swamps and located 16 illegal snares, three tree stands, and illegal ORV trails coming from private property. None of the snares had tags on them, some had deer stops that produced a loop that was too small, but most had no deer stops. Follow up interviews will be conducted and multiple charges will be sought.

While on a fish patrol in Genesee County, Sgt. Dan Bigger observed two anglers on the cement embankment of the Flint River just west of the City. Sgt. Bigger was able to conduct a foot patrol working his way upstream to get a better observation point of the

subjects. While observing the subjects, one of them placed some unknown items in a plastic bag and placed the bag in the weeds and proceeded to fish. Both subjects appeared to be utilizing artificial bait which is a violation of the current fisheries order during the walleye spawning run. After observing the anglers for nearly 15 minutes, Sgt. Bigger was able to get within 10 feet of them and between their location and the white bag that had been previously stashed. The anglers both were able to provide valid fishing licenses but were using artificial bait. When questioned about the bag, one of the subjects stated that he had his gun in it. Sgt. Bigger secured the firearm and had the subjects walk down stream to where he had parked his patrol unit. Upon running file checks on the two, it was found that one of them was currently wanted on a misdemeanor charge out of Flint. The warrant was verified and Flint requested the subject be lodged. The subject did have the paperwork that proved he was the owner of the firearm and stated that he had taken a CPL course but did not have his card and he would be getting it soon. He stated he thought he was under the open carry regulations but after being explained the elements of open carry from Sgt. Bigger, he realized his error. Enforcement action was taken on both subjects. The subject with the warrant was placed into custody and upon a search was found to be in possession of unknown prescription medication that he stated was not prescribed to him. The subject was lodged and the violations will be submitted for review to the prosecutor's office.

CO Pete Purdy attended an arraignment in Shiawassee County of a subject who had taken a nine point deer without a deer license on opening day of the 2014 firearm season. The subject pled guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay \$6,500 restitution, had their hunting licenses revoked per statute, and condemnation of the firearm used was ordered.

While working in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers conducted a foot patrol in the area of the Holloway Dam. During the patrol, CO Beavers identified five subjects who were fishing. CO Beavers observed the subjects from the woods. Two of the subjects were mobile and fished from multiple spots on the north and south side of the dam and the remaining three subjects fished from the terrace on the south side of the dam. While observing the subjects on the terrace, one subject caught a fish. After catching the fish he placed it in a bucket. After placing the fish in the bucket, the subject quickly took the bucket to his truck in the parking lot. The subject then took the fish out of the bucket placed it in a plastic bag and returned to the terrace. After returning to the terrace a different subject caught a fish. One subject went below the terrace and removed the fish from the hook and brought the fish to the terrace. The subject then dropped the fish in the bucket. That subject took the bucket back to his truck where he quickly transferred the fish to the plastic bag. CO Beavers had a clear view of the incident and concluded the subjects were catching and keeping walleye. CO Beavers continued to watch the subjects and one additional fish was taken and placed in the truck. CO Beavers then returned to his patrol truck and drove to the parking lot. CO Beavers made contact with the subjects and asked how the fish were biting. The subjects stated that they weren't and they had yet to catch anything. CO Beavers then asked all five subjects for their fishing licenses, at that time one of the subjects stated he was only observing and not fishing. After obtaining licenses and identification cards CO Beavers

told the group he would like to talk to the owner of the red truck. After identifying the owner of the truck, CO Beaver told the subject he would like to talk to him by his truck. While walking to the truck, CO Beavers asked the subject how many fish were in the truck. The subject stopped walking, looked at CO Beavers in disbelief and stated there were three. The subject then stated he had two walleye in the truck. CO Beavers then informed the subject that he watched the subject catch all the fish and stated that he knew all five were fishing, contrary to what one of the individuals stated. After completing his investigation of the area, one subject was ticketed for taking walleye during the closed season, one subject was ticketed for taking walleye and largemouth bass during the closed season and one subject was ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Jeremy Beavers followed up on a complaint that was originally made January 9, 2015. The complaint was made in regard to a deer that was stolen from a subject who legally harvested it during a guided hunt. During initial contact with the complainant, CO Beavers was informed that the complainant's son is handicapped and went on a guided hunt in Illinois in November 2014. During the hunt, the complainant's son successfully shot and killed a buck. Upon return to Michigan, the guide kept the deer and told the complainant and her son that he would teach him how to process the deer in the following days. The guide never returned the deer and the information on the guide was provided to the DNR and CO Beavers. During his initial investigation into the guide, CO Beavers found evidence that he may have illegally hunted throughout the fall in Genesee County. CO Beavers also found evidence that the guide may have illegally killed a deer with his bow during this time. CO Beavers made several attempts to contact the guide after meeting with the complainant. The guide failed to return calls and was never home during attempts made in person. CO Beavers was then contacted by the complainant and told that the guide had contacted her and wanted to return the venison and the antlers. CO Beavers was told when and where the meeting would take place. CO Beavers arrived to the designated location and successfully made contact with the guide. CO Beavers spoke with the guide and was given an explanation as to why it took him so long to return to antlers and meat. CO Beavers then questioned the guide about his hunting activities during the fall of 2014. The guide said he bow hunted throughout the fall and harvested two deer, one doe and one buck. The guide stated that he took the first deer on October 25 and the second on November 9th. CO Beavers then asked the guide if he began bow hunting when the season opened and he stated he did. CO Beavers asked the guide if he was always licensed while hunting and if he legally tagged each deer taken and the guide stated yes to both. The guide stated that he bought a combination license and used each kill tag legally. CO Beavers got details of the first deer taken in October and the guide even showed him pictures of the doe on his phone. CO Beavers then informed the guide he knows when he purchased his licenses and knows that the first deer was taken illegally. CO Beavers told the guide he knows that he did not purchase his licenses until November 8, 2014, well after the date when he killed his first deer. The guide then admitted to hunting without a license and to taking a deer without a license. Charges are pending review with the county prosecutor.

While conducting a fisheries patrol of the Flint River, CO Saykham Keophalychanh made contact with two anglers. The anglers were fishing without fishing licenses and in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

During a fisheries patrol at Atwood Stadium, CO Saykham Keophalychanh made contact with two anglers. A file check of both anglers revealed that one subject was wanted on a warrant. The subject was arrested on his warrant and lodged at the Flint City Lock-up.

CO Saykham Keophalychanh observed two anglers fishing at Genesee/Lapeer County line on Stanley Road at the Holloway Reservoir. When he made contact with the anglers he found they did not have fishing licenses or identification on their persons. CO Keophalychanh followed them back to their vehicle where they retrieved their driver's licenses and he ran file checks. Neither of the suspects had valid fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Flint River at Atwood Stadium, CO Saykham Keophalychanh observed two anglers fishing with artificial lures during the close of walleye season. Contact was made with the suspects, both of whom possessed valid fishing licenses. One suspect was wanted on three warrants and enforcement action was taken.

## **BELLE ISLE**

CO AL Mendez worked a patrol on Belle Isle and assisted the Coast Guard with looking for a possible drowning victim. A member of the Coast Guard was driving by the yacht club and observed a paddle board without an occupant floating in the Detroit River. The Coast Guard dispatched their helicopter unit and their ice rescue team. CO Mendez checked the beach for tracks, the Yacht club area for vehicles that looked like they were abandoned, and possible witnesses. The Coast Guard retrieved the paddle board and determined there was no drowning victim and that the paddle board must have come loose from someone's yard or dock.

While patrolling Belle Isle, COs Shane Webster and Josh Russell responded to a call for a medical emergency for a subject who appeared to have had a stroke. The Officers monitored the subject until advanced medical personnel arrived. The subject was transported to the hospital by Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

COs Chris Reynolds and Mike Hearn worked a patrol on Belle Isle. Just before midnight the COs made a traffic stop on a vehicle. The subject stated he was on the island to see the view back towards the city. The subject had no proof of insurance and upon further checking, the vehicle showed no coverage. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Shane Webster were dispatched to a man having a heart attack on Belle Isle in Detroit. The COs responded and found him lying down, but still breathing. When the man regained consciousness, he had no memory of what happened. The COs assisted on scene until emergency medical services arrived.

COs Josh Russell and Shane Webster responded to a medical emergency call at the aquarium on Belle Isle. The original call came out as a lady possibly going into labor. It was later found that the lady was upset and needed help getting a cab off the island.

While working a shift on Belle Isle CO Mike Hearn stopped a vehicle for being on the island after hours. It was determined the driver did not have proof of insurance and was issued a ticket for this violation. The suspect was also removed from the island.

CO Pete Purdy was working a Belle Isle shift when he observed a vehicle that was speeding, passing on the right and had a defective brake light. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver whose operator's license was suspended and didn't have insurance on the vehicle. A stun gun was discovered during a subsequent search of the vehicle. The stun gun was seized, the vehicle was impounded, and a report submitted to the Prosecutor's Office for charges.

While on a recent Belle Isle Patrol, COs Kyle Bucholtz and Dan Walzak were dispatched to a suicidal subject who had walked off into the woods. With assistance from CO Mike Drexler, the officers were able to locate the subject and determine he was not suicidal, but had been arguing with the complainant. However, upon identifying the subject, it was learned he had two valid warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Bucholtz and Kris Kiel responded to a suicidal subject about to jump from the MacArthur Bridge on Belle Isle. The subject was safely removed from the bridge and taken to a nearby facility by Detroit Police Department for a mental evaluation.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Dan Walzak responded to a complaint of an individual walking down the road with a bow and arrow. CO Walzak learned that an 11 year old just received a youth bow as a gift and wanted to carry it as he and his family walked around. CO Walzak politely asked the family if they could put it in back their vehicle so no other complaints would be made. The family gladly put the bow away and continued having a good time.